

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this preliminary amendment prior to examination on the merits. By this preliminary amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 11-14, and 17-18 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6-10, and 15-16 have been amended. New claims 22, 23, and 24 have been added. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

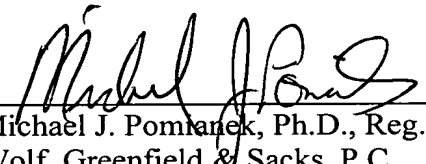
A favorable first Office Action is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 646-8000.

Please charge any fee or fee deficiency occasioned by this amendment to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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